

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers

**ROLL CALL:** Sue Austin Chair, Don Helander, Gary Pietsch, P&R Director Kim Woodruff  
**ABSENT:** Wendy Nieman Vice Chair, Council Liaison: Sandra Lamson, Student Liaison: Michael Tiberi

**MINUTES**

The June 25th minutes were approved as read.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Unveiling of the new Lakeview Park playground is scheduled to take place at a date TBA during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September. Community and kids will be welcome!

**GREAT NORTHERN PARK UPDATE**

One viewing/play hill will be located in the SW corner of the park. The access road and parking lot to the park will be paving during Spring 08. A bike path has been laid connecting Great Northern Park to Centennial across the East property line with the Assembly of God Church lot. The remaining bike path, through the West Church property easement, will be completed in 2008. Irrigation for the new park is near completion. Lastly, local Artist David Kraisler has volunteered his time to tour the park with Landscape Architect Mac MacDonald to explore and make suggestions for public art opportunities within the Park.

**VANDALISM**

Vandalism in City Parks competes for labor and operations resources from other, better uses. In an effort to curb public property vandalism, the City Council has allocated \$40,000 in the 2007/2008 budget to be used towards electronic surveillance. This project will be a cooperative effort between law enforcement and Parks and Rec. staff. Parks and Rec staff has also developed an ongoing log of park vandalism coupled with corresponding repair costs. P&R hopes to better inform the public of the vandalism taking place in their parks and promote their assistance in policing the parks they utilize. Much like neighborhood watch, Citizens could help reduce dollars spent on repairs by reporting vandalism to the police, when witnessed.

**UPDATES FROM PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF**

An offer to the City of Sandpoint from ITD for the acreage of the former Lakeside Inn, located on Bridge Street, was not accepted by City Council during their monthly meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

P&R Director Kim Woodruff continues to try and convert Edgewater property out of 6F protection so Sandpoint will be in good standing with the National Park Service and the State of Idaho Parks and Recreation Department.

The Army Corps of engineers will begin a shoreline stabilization project as early as Fall 2007 in front of the Water Treatment plant. Most of the shoreline trees will be removed during the process. To facilitate riparian tree planting that will take place after the riprap is complete, Sandpoint City Council approved up to \$5,000 be spent on park planning at that location, and element of which would be the plantings plan. Director Woodruff will provide the commission with the second draft of the plans as they become available.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Monday September 24<sup>th</sup> in the City Hall Council Chambers at 10 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Kami Blood, Administrative Assistant Parks and Recreation Department